

April 25, 2010: Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." — Jn 10:27-29c
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Apr. 25, World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30)

8:00 am- John Pustka
10:30 am- Emilie Bitala
5:00 pm- Jose G. & Carlos Hernandez (Spanish Mass)

Monday, April 26 (Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10)

7:00 am- Special Intention for recovery
10:00 am- Alfonse Mucala (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, April 27 (Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30)

7:00 am- Harvey Pavliska, Sr.

Wednesday, April 28, Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Mary de Montfort (Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50)

7:00 am- Rosie, Joe & Thomas Lala, Gene Mikulik
8:05 am- Special Intention for recovery

Thursday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena (Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20)

7:00 am- Johnnie & Benedict Hermis, Leona Blaschke
10:00 am- Mary Grafe (Stevens)

Friday, April 30, St. Pius V (Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6)

7:00 am- Ruth Grubert
8:05 am- Susan Gooderham

Saturday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker (Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14)

8:30 am- For Vocations (Serra Club Mass)
5:30 pm- Joe J. & Stella Smolik

Sunday, May 2 (Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35)
8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Bob & Lou Kubena's 55th Anniversary

Bulletin Sponsor: KJT Society #5.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Ervin Bludau, Sr. by his family.

Vigil Light: Special Intention (Recovery).

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,184.75; Loose-\$1,096;
Children-\$44; Holy Land-\$75; Catholic Ed. Env.-\$1,706.

Anniversaries:

Jessie & Elrose Kahanek 54 years April 28

Calendar Membership drawing: **Apr 16:** Beverly Blahuta-\$100; **Apr 19:** Will Migura-\$50; **Apr 20:** Dorothy F. Olsovsky-\$50; **Apr 21:** Pam Etzler-\$100.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: An adorer is needed 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight on Thursday nights. If you are able to "keep watch" with our Lord during this hour, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

Promise of Marriage: Jamie Wagner & Patrick Flynn on May 1st.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
- Fiddler's Frolics, KC Hall. Bring bulletin to get in free.
- St. Michael Church Picnic, Veterans Park, Weimar.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- Men's ACTS mtg, 7:00 pm, Yoakum Family Center.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- Parish Finance Council mtg., 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.
- Parish Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

- CCD: Grades K-11th, 6:00 – 7:10 pm
- Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

- Christian Mothers meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

- Serra Club Mass, 8:30 a.m., Sacred Heart, Hallettsville.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

- Teen ACTS Commissioning Mass, 10:30 a.m.
- Holy Rosary Church Picnic, Hostyn. Polka Mass 10 am. BBQ Pork & Sausage Dinner. Auction, games, music.
- Holy Family Festival, Victoria Community Center. BBQ Dinner 11am. Auction, booths, games, music.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Louise Tesch, Thelma Mikulenska, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Milada Netardus, Paula Nemecek, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, Candice Chandler, Dorothy Dworsky, Antonia Jahn, Alvin Steffek, Sr., Josh Mann, Faith Del Castillo, Theresa Steffek, Edna Key, Oretha McCord, Josephine Matejek, Judy Johnson, Donna Avant, nursing home residents & the homebound.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 25. Please pray for our religious, that they will be witnesses to the whole Church & that their examples strengthen within our youth the desire to seek God's will for their lives.

Truck Give-Away Tickets \$100 each for 2010 GMC Crew Cab Truck. Drawing at Sacred Heart Spring Picnic, May 30th, KC Hall. Tickets available for purchase at the School Office or Rectory.

From the Desk of Father John

Continuation of *10 Things That Make for a Great Catholic Mom*:

Cultivate support (Luke 1:39-45). One of the most important aspects of motherhood is seeking out support and encouragement from other mothers. The Catholic faith is communal; we believe that we are all connected in the one Body of Christ. It is essential to remember that we are not alone. Sharing the ups and downs of motherhood with women who are at the same stage of parenting or asking advice from moms who have older kids can help us through the day-to-day stresses and strains of raising kids. *Who are some women who support my vocation to motherhood? Is it time to connect with them again?*

Make every day holy (Psalm 118:4). Every new day gives us the opportunity to celebrate the divine presence of God in the smallest and most ordinary events. Gathering around the table and sharing a meal together as a family can be a sacred time of connection and love. The brief hug and kiss goodbye before school each day can be a blessed moment of sending forth. Tracing a cross on our children's foreheads before they head out the door for school or before they go to bed is a simple way to acknowledge the presence of God every day. The habit of bedtime prayers can help ensure a good night's sleep. Noticing the holy moments in everyday life helps kids develop a sense of wonder and reverence that will sustain their faith for years to come. *What "holy moments" have occurred today? How might I notice or create more sacred spaces each day?*

Grow in faith (1 Peter 2:2-5). Nourishing our own faith growth is one of the best ways for Catholic moms to model discipleship for our kids. From attending adult formation classes to volunteering as a catechist, from reading the Bible to participating in the parish book club, developing our own faith life as an adult teaches our kids that faith formation is a lifelong journey. One of the best ways to deepen our relationship with God is through prayer. Praying with Scripture (the Psalms are a great choice), traditional meditative prayers such as the rosary, or even free-form conversation with God – carving out personal quiet time each day to pray and reflect is a gift to the body, mind, and spirit. *What have I done to nourish my own faith life lately? What might I do in the future?*

(To be continued.....)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Eddie Schulte* of our parish family. *May he and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

May 16: Baccalaureate at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

May 21: Graduation at the KC Hall.

May 26: 8th Grade Recognition in church followed by a reception in the Family Center.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

May 5: Closing Mass & May Crowning, 6:15 p.m.

May 16: 8th Grade Recognition Mass at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception at the Family Center.

May 23: Baccalaureate at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

We have purchased the property with the green house next to the gym. This is a very good addition to our parish plant. We are not exactly sure how we will use it, but we will put it to the best use possible. The property – the house and 1/3 acre – cost us \$40,000. We are having a fund drive so that everyone will have the opportunity to help with this purchase. The following is a list of the levels of giving which will be placed on plaques:

Platinum: \$5,000 & over **Gold: \$1,000 - \$4,999**

Silver: \$500 - \$999 **Bronze: \$250 - \$499**

Blue Ribbon: \$100 - \$249

Please contact the Rectory with any donations.

Dear Sacred Heart Parish – Thank you for your donations to L.A.M.B. and the Manna Food Pantry. By working together we really can make a difference in the fight against hunger in our community. In the past year we faced new challenges with our local economy and the increased need for food and assistance. Through your donations, we were able to successfully give the little extra help struggling families needed. The impact of your generosity is felt every day. Through you, we can help low-income families better take care of themselves and this is a step in the right direction. It is only because of you that our program has been successful. Sincerely, Jackie Robertson

4th Sunday of Easter. We can't approach the highly symbolic language of the Book of Revelation with logical thinking. If we try to do so, we will falter, and miss out on the richness of the images that are presented to us. In today's selection, John (not the writer of the fourth Gospel, but another John) sees a vast crowd. One of the elders tells him that these are the ones who have survived the time of trial. This makes eminent sense since Revelation was written at a time when the church was undergoing great persecution from both the Jewish leaders who were expelling the Jewish followers of Jesus from the synagogues, and from Roman officials who saw Christians as disruptive apostates since they did not acknowledge the Roman gods. The ones who have survived "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (7:14).

Here is where logic fails. Every laundry detergent bottle and stain-fighting additive will tell you that you don't make something white by washing it in blood. But when we immerse ourselves in the symbolism, we understand what the writer intends. Through the shedding of His blood on the cross, the Lamb of God (Jesus) cleanses us from sin. Like the white garment given at baptism to symbolize new life, those who have remained faithful during trial and persecution share in the victory of the One who conquered sin and death. The message for us today is that Christ has brought us into the fold, and that we are called to be faithful no matter what may beset us in life. It is unlikely that any of us will face overt persecution for what we believe. But we must also guard against the subtle denials of Christ that sometimes creep into our daily lives. *2010 Liturgical Publications Inc